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WILL HE ACCEPT THE PRICE OF PEACE?

"You can sit at the head of the New-year's table, Tom, but I'll do the carving."

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IT WOULD indeed be a gilt-edged blessing if the new year's finish were equally as happy as its beginning.

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THERE IS a colossal fortune awaiting the wide-awake man who will put upon the market a tablet that will enable any reader to digest the literary Welsh rarebit of the day.

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SO FAR as all-round rhetorical music is concerned, the average political platform promise is a thing of beauty and a joy up to the moment at which the fulfillment of the same becomes due.

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THE WEALTHY leisure, not to say the good-for-nothing, class is now beginning to wend its way southward to find the very sort of hot weather from which it flew northward last summer.

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OH, PIE is baked music
That makes us aspire.
There's joy in its bosom,
Its works and its tire.

* * *

AS A RULE, peace is cheap at any price, and Mr. Odell will have it without reference to the outlay. In handling the knife and fork of practical politics he is a juggler almost without a peer. He therefore insists upon doing the carving, which fact is not at all comforting to that crafty sycophant and general public nuisance, Tom Platt, who is usually on the lookout for all the tid-bits. He is not dangerous at the head of the table so long as he is not allowed to do the carving. And yet it would be giving golden advice even to so lynx-eyed and sagacious a philosopher as Mr. Odell to caution him to be tireless in his vigilance, lest in a moment of abstraction the sly up-state senator suddenly decamp, like the proverbial shot, with the entire bird under his coat.

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THE NEW-YEAR'S BELLS are merrily banging and clanging out their brazen din upon the frosty air. Chime upon chime is trembling in the crisp breezes that incarnadine the aural and nasal appendages of the alert milkman, and the silvery music brings a feeling of cheer to the saddest heart. To the average commercial philistine—and what philistine is not commercial?—these copper-bottomed melodies, with all their frisky gleefulness, mean nothing but plain, empty noise, such as is made by a fire-engine in full tilt, or a series of raucous factory-whistles at the meridian hour. To the man with a soul this brazen symphony is one of joy as it is spilled into the exhilarating atmosphere, though the tempo be adagio, andante, or even rag. To certain other people these bells have a different meaning. Father Time discourses tunes upon them that are messages fraught with subtle meaning to President Roosevelt, to whom 1904 will be a year of more than ordinary importance. In the story of the bells he must experience a feeling of joy that should also be a source of comfort to all his friends and supporters, and to all lovers of and fighters for good government without reference to party. The name of Roosevelt is on every tongue of every New-year's bell in the land, and it is to be hoped and trusted that this fact may be banged into the skulls of the Republican delegates, to the end that the country may become one in which the Hannas shall cease from marking and the Spooners spout no more.

WHAT HE SAW.

TORN THOMPSON—"I spent two months at Newport last season."
FRAYED FOSTER—"Dat so? I s'pose yer saw lots uv style dere?"
TORN THOMPSON—"Nuttin' else. De head keeper uv de jail wore a white yachtin'-suit an' canvas shoes all de time."

RECANTATION.

UCH resolutions I am wont to make
Whenever a new year approaches near.
I swear off smoking and I swear off beer;
I swear that no more whiskey I will take;
I swear off sweetmeats, for my stomach's sake;
I swear off many things, however dear
And needful they may seem, although I fear
Abstention may bring sorrow in its wake.
But ah! the spirit and the flesh are weak;
And as the dreary days do come and go
An easy road to habits old I find.
The things I much have missed I, eager, seek.
A fig for idle promises! And so
To swear off swearing off I am inclined.

NATHAN M. LEVY.

IF IT is a poor rule that won't work both ways, what shall be said of the many rules that refuse to work either way?

A DIFFERENCE.

LADY—"Good-morning, little girl. Do you live around here?"
LITTLE GIRL—"No, ma'am; I'm just boarding."

JUSTIFIABLE WRATH.

MR. SELLEM (*who has hurried from New York*)—"I'd like to have a hold of the fresh guy who wrote me that I'd get a big order by calling at 331 Market street, Newark, New Jersey."

SHORT.

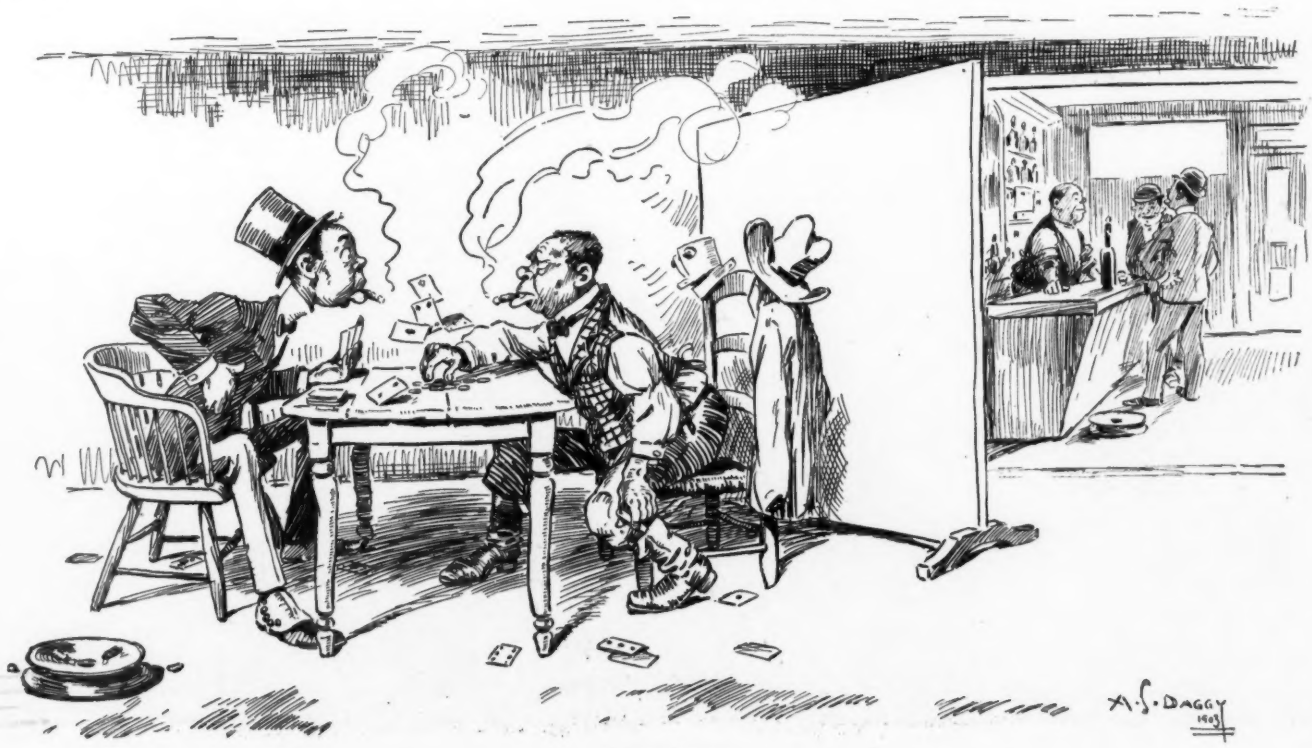
FEB. is the shortest month, they say;
But I am never shorter than
I am when everything 's to pay
And I am busted during Jan.

MUST BE PURE.

THE sunshine filtered through the leaves. The wayward wind laughed boisterously.

"Why are you filtering yourself?" it asked of the sunshine.

"I must," explained the sunshine. "This is the picnic-ground of a health-faddists' society, and if I am not filtered I will be boiled."



OVER-RULED.

MR. JACKSON—"Dat's mah pot by de authority of Hoyle, which I carries in mah pocket."
MR. JOHNSON—"An' dat's mah pot by de authority ob steel, which I carries in mah boot."
MR. JACKSON—"Rake de pot, Mistah Johnson; rake de pot!"

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JUDGE'S FAVORITES.

MABEL BARRISON IN "BABES IN TOYLAND."

While you gild the toyland scene
As its babe and as its queen,
All the people, young and old,
Hang upon the fairy gold
Of your presence and your vim,
Which e'er make things hum
and skim
Till the verdict is that you,
As an artist through and through,
Are the star in which they see
A big blooming galaxy.

"SHUCKS!" said Mr. Meddergrass. "I believe these here patent-medicine fellers is all in cahoots."

"What makes you say that?" asked the druggist.

"Well, I've got five different almanacs so far this year, an' every blame one of 'em is alike except fer the name of the medicine."

DISMAL OUTLOOK.

"WISH you a happy new year," says the visitor, riding up to the home of the Kentucky mountaineer.

"Thanks fo' yo' kind wishes, suh; but hit looks almighty bad fo' me this comin' yeah."

"Now, I'm sorry to hear that. What seems to be the trouble?"

"Well, suh, 'long last spring me an' 'Lije Bingo happened to have a fallin' out ovah a couple o' hawgs; so we done had a time all sence then, shootin' at each otheh f'um time to time."

"Oh, I shouldn't be cast down over that. Even if you have a feud it can be ended. There's no reason why"——

"That's jest it, podneh; that's jest it. 'Lije fell offen the side o' the mountain yestiddy, an' now I've got no feud at all."

MEOW!

MARIA—"Will you love me all your life, darling?"
THOMAS—"Dearest, I'll love you all my nine lives."

JEALOUSY.

MISS SEAL SACQUE—"Harold says the new Greek model has a finely-moulded figure."
MISS ASTRAKAN—"Yes; he's ever waxing eloquent of her."

"AND so you broke yourself of the habit of betting on the races?" we ask of the gentleman who is telling about what a change has come over his life.

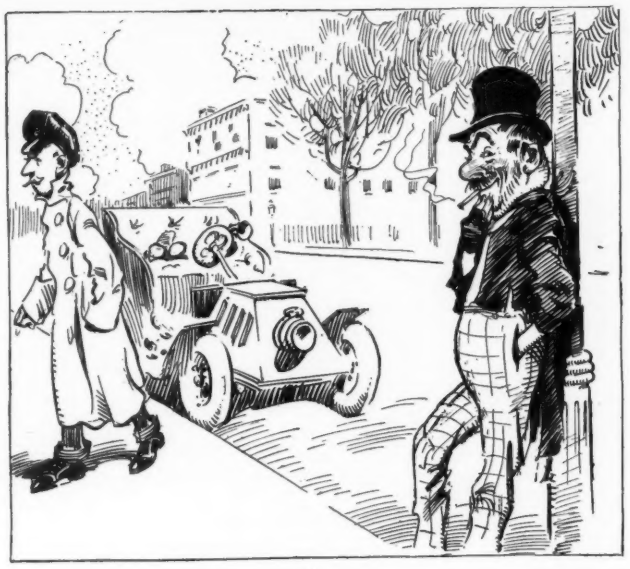
"I did, and thoroughly," he answers.

"How did you do it?"

"Broke myself."

WONDERFUL.

"I often wonder if my husband loves me in the same old way."
"Does he act as if he did?"
"Yes."
"Then it's no wonder you wonder."



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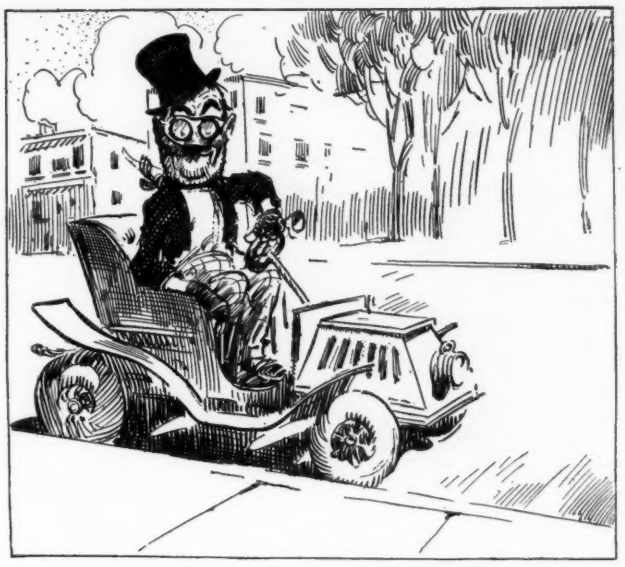
NERVY NAT—"I've always had a sneaking desire to ride in one of those benzine buggies. Here is certainly my chance—and Clarence has considerately left his goggles."



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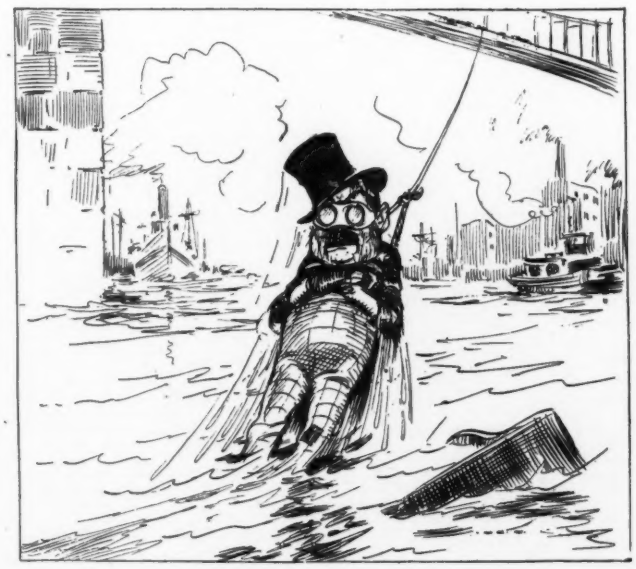
NERVY NAT—"I'll bet this little jigger down here has something to do with starting this five-thousand-dollar go-cart."

3.

NERVY NAT—"Ye-e-s, tha-that was what it was—something to do with starting it. Now, if I can find something to stop the infernal thing I can safely promise myself not to get the automobile habit."

4.

NERVY NAT—"Great doughnuts! I don't want to go to Brooklyn. This bubble is simply depraved. Glad they didn't pass the ship subsidy bill, or they'd be making me carry the mails."



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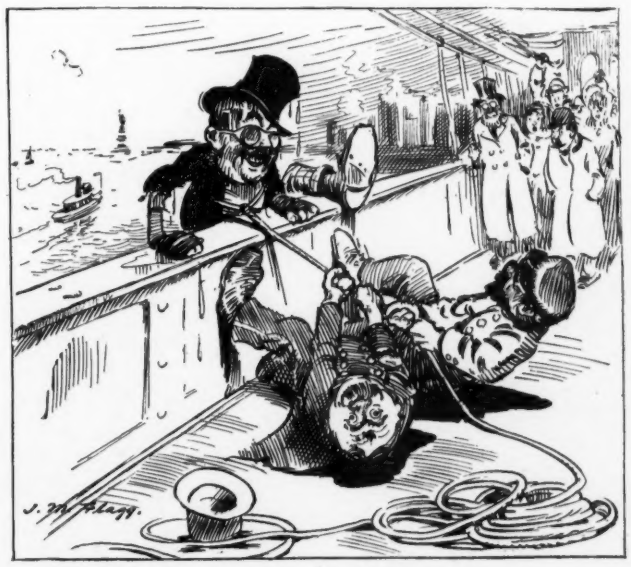
NERVY NAT—"I'm going to give a card to the Madison-square-park-club to the extremely civil gentleman that threw me the rope."



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BRIDGE-OFFICER—"Surprised to see you taking to water in such a hurry, Nat."

NERVY NAT—"Cut out those pensioned jokes, my good man. And if any reporter asks you, tell him I've given up automobiling this winter."

NO. 5.—NERVY NAT STARTS THE NEW YEAR BAD.

AT THE MINSTRELS.

"MR. DINGLEBERRY," said Mr. Bingwhazzle, after the circle had finished the chorus of "My Klondike is the gold of Molly's hair" and the applause had subsided; "Mr. Dingleberry, I have a conundrum to propound to you this evening."

"Indeed?" responded Mr. Dingleberry, thrumming softly upon his tambourine and winking at the middleman; "indeed? And would you kindly propound it?"

"I will," said Mr. Bingwhazzle, placing his bones in his vest-pocket and knocking a fleck of dust from his diamond; "I will. What, sir, is the difference between a man preparing his poultry for the market at midnight and a lion after it has eaten its dinner at noon?"

BUTCHER WIENERWURST'S NEW-YEAR'S GREETING.

"What is the difference between a man preparing his poultry for market at midnight—— Is the market to be at midnight?"

"No, no! He is preparing the poultry at midnight."

"Did you say poultry or poetry?"

"Poultry—poultry, sir!"

"Excuse me. I thought, if you said poetry, the man would be hungry and the lion wouldn't."

"Do not be frivolous, Mr. Dingleberry," said the interlocutor. "The conundrum as propounded by Mr. Bingwhazzle is this: 'What is the difference between a man preparing his poultry at midnight for the market and a lion after it has eaten its dinner at noon?'"

"Well, sir, that's too easy," chuckled Mr. Dingleberry, permitting his left foot to do a jig-step while he remained in his chair. "The man who is preparing his poultry is sighing on the land and the lion that has had his dinner is lying on the sand."

"No, sir!" shouted Mr. Bingwhazzle. "You have no reason to infer that the man is unhappy."

"Of course he is unhappy. Who wouldn't be?"

"But that is the wrong answer."

"Oh, very well. I can give you another. The lion is wagging his tail and the man is tagging his—— But there are no wails, are there? Le'me see. There isn't anything about dessert and desert in this, is there?"

"Not a thing."

"Then the man had a bird in his hand and the lion had two in the bush," ventured Mr. Dingleberry.

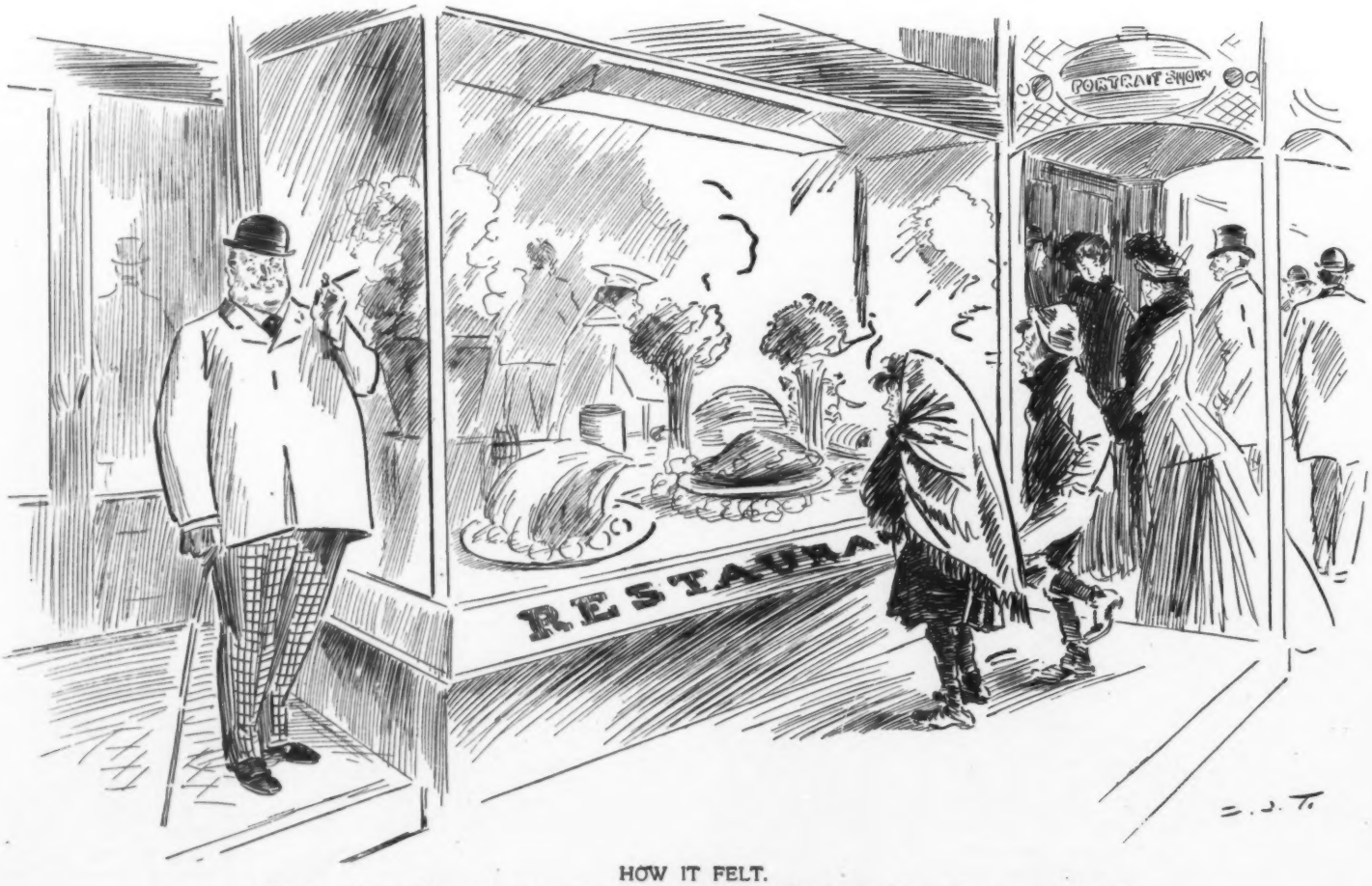
"Oh, that is absurd!"

"Well, it's the best I can do this evening. I didn't ask you to ask me any old conundrums, did I? Why is a conundrum like an unsigned letter? Because you can't answer it. That's better than your old market-man, anyhow. What's the answer to yours?"

"It is simple," said Mr. Bingwhazzle. "The lion is licking his chops and the man is lopping his chicks."

Then the interlocutor announced that Mr. Raphael Minningham Woodle would render the favorite classical selection, "When your rabbit-foot 's unlucky you should throw the dice away."

LIGHTNING does not strike twice in the same place because the place is not there the second time.



HOW IT FELT.

MAGGIE—"I say, Chimmie, when yer look inter dat restaurant winder don't it make yer mout' water?"
JIMMIE—"Water? Hully gee! it makes me mout' feel like a ship-buildin' trust."

CALENDARS.

UPON the table, on the floor,
In all the chairs as well,
Are calendars for nineteen four—
All that folks give or sell.
Here are the same old almanacs
With remedies galore
For whizzy hearts or aching backs,
And lots of microbe lore.

The Flashlight Fire Insurance Co.,
The Oldline Health and Life,
And all the other ones, also,
Who seek the premium strife,
Have favored me with books and pads
And chromos for the wall,
Each decorated with their ads.;
But still this is not all.

Here are the many artists' "girls,"
In colors and in black,
With hair in straightest lines or curls,
In shirt-waist or in sacque;
And calendars of all the games,
And railroads, stores and boats—
And here's a candidate who claims
He ought to have our votes.

The Year of Childhood—this is it;
Old Age is over there;
Texts, poems, wisdom, weeks of wit,
Dog, cat, bird, horse and bear—
All styles and forms of thing or thought
Have been worked up some way,
And thus it is that I have got
A year for every day. W. D. NESBIT.

NOT IN HIS LINE.

EMPLOYER—"You don't seem to be able to do *anything*."
NEW CLERK—"Well, I always had a political job until I struck this one."

THE IMPROVED DIARY.

"THIS," explained the bookseller, "is our latest patent diary. We think it is the cleverest thing in that line ever devised."

The shopper turns the leaves idly.

"But I can't see where it is different from any other," she observes.

"No? Well, if you will look at all the dates after January 23d, you will see that in each space has been printed, 'Got up, ate breakfast, lunch and dinner, and went to bed.' That insures a complete diary for the year."

HER HOPE.

"YES, mamma," sighed the fair young thing, raising her limpid eyes to the tender ones of her mother; "yes, mamma, I have set my heart on marrying a nobleman."

Dumfounded, the good woman, her mother, raises her hands and gasps, "Lord love you, child! What"——

"That's just what I hope, mamma," she interrupts ingenuously.

VERY BAD.

WAYWARD HOBBS—"Did yer ever git ketched between de bumpers uv a freight-train?"
UPPON TOPP—"Worse'n dat. I got between a man an' his wife once dat wuz fightin'."

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"OH, HEAR DE

Ring out the old, ring in

'Tis LEAP-YEAR, and I'l

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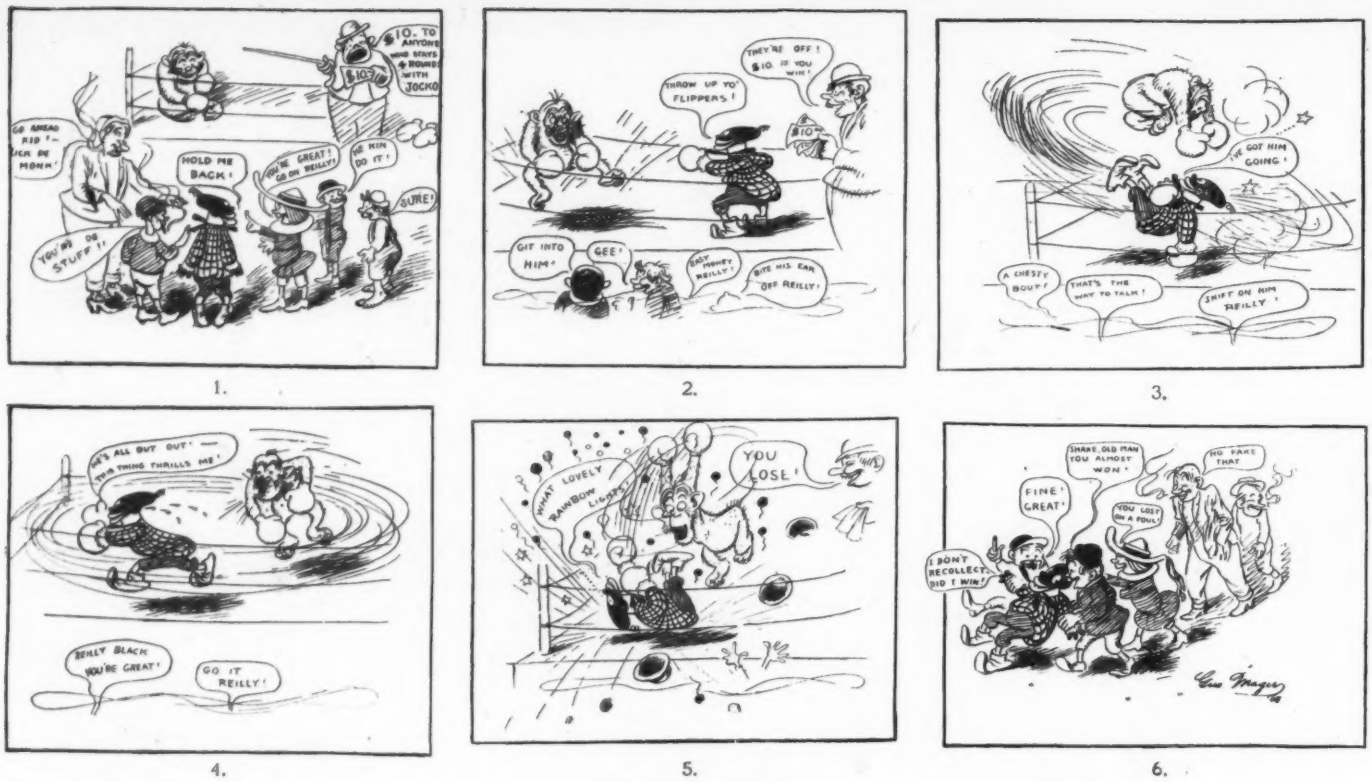
DEM BELLS!"

ng in the new!
and I'll propose to you.



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THE BLACK WINS.

FATE OF THE THREE MEN.

THERE were once three men who gave a great deal of thought to the problem of what to do the first of the year.

The first man announced that he had sworn off all his bad habits. And everybody said he always was a wild character, and it would be well to keep closer watch than ever on him, as now there was no telling when he would cut loose worse than ever.

The second man, seeking to profit by the experience of the first, declared that he had not sworn off because he had no bad habits to discard. The result was that everybody pronounced him a hardened wretch, who was insensible and indifferent to the duties of life.

The third man studied their cases, and concluded that the best thing he could do would be to say nothing whatever. Whereupon everybody asserted that he was too calloused to reform and was not worthy of any respect at all.

This simply goes to show that, no matter how you guess, you will guess wrong.

APPROPRIATE.

CIRCASSIAN LADY—"What did you get for Christmas, Ed?"
THE GLASS-EATER—"A case of predigested breakfast-food. What did you get, Mame?"
CIRCASSIAN LADY—"A bottle of hair-tonic."

"I hain't judgin' no man by de way he talks. I'se had a man yell me outer his co'nfield an' run me half a mile, an' arterwards present me wid two dozen ears, an' I'se had a man talk so soft an' sweet dat it brung tears to my eyes, an' den charge me thirty per cent. interest on money loaned on de fam'ly sewin'-machine."—*Detroit Free Press.*

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"Certainly not. He can just make it 'love, honor and supply.'"—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

Judge—"Did you strike your wife?"

Prisoner—"No, sir."

Judge—"Did you approach and address her in such a manner as to cause this stroke of insanity?"

Prisoner—"Yes, sir."

Judge—"What did you say to her?"

Prisoner—"I told her I loved her."—*New York Times.*

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"That doesn't hurt him so much as the fact that she knows how much he doesn't know."—*Philadelphia Press.*

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"Yes," answered Senator Sorghum despairingly; "but I have noticed that these very studious people aren't successful in business. What you want to be nowadays is not a great thinker, but a good guesser."—*Washington Star.*

DR. A. GROYEN, ROYAL MEDICAL STAFF, BERLIN,

recommends Dr. Siegert's Angostura Bitters as the most effective stomachic and nervine used by medical men.

Mr. Bowman—"I remember attending a birthday-party of Miss Passay's several years ago that was quite an elaborate affair."

Miss Sharpe—"Yes?"

Mr. Bowman—"Yes; she doesn't keep her birthdays now as she used to."

Miss Sharpe—"No; she would like to keep them, no doubt, but they come and go with alarming frequency."—*Philadelphia Press.*

"I have a very unpleasant duty to perform," said the chief. "The management desires to dispense with your services."

The office-boy heaved a deep sigh of relief. "Gee!" he said, "I t'ought for a minnit youse was goin' to fire me."—*Cincinnati Tribune.*

He—"And what, pray, is a picture hat?"

His wife—"A picture hat is a work of millinery art."

He (glancing at the bill)—"You mean millionary art, dear."—*Cincinnati Tribune.*

She—"Charles, dear, how many teeth does a baby have?"

He—"I don't know. But I think that after the way I've walked the floor for the last six months, ours ought to have at least a hundred and fifty by this time."—*Detroit Free Press.*

Elsie—"There's a man at the door, pa, who says he wants to see the boss of the house."

Father—"Tell your mother."

Mother (calling down stairs)—"Tell Bridget."—*Philadelphia Press.*

"He's a homely dog," said Mrs. Vray, "but he has a wonderful pedigree. His mother, his grandmother, his great-grandmother, and his great-great-grandmother all lived in Methodist families."—*Newark News.*

Hoax—"Do you know that thin fellow over there?"

Joax—"Oh, yes; we are very thick."

Hoax—"And do you know the big fat one?"

Joax—"Slightly."—*Philadelphia Record.*

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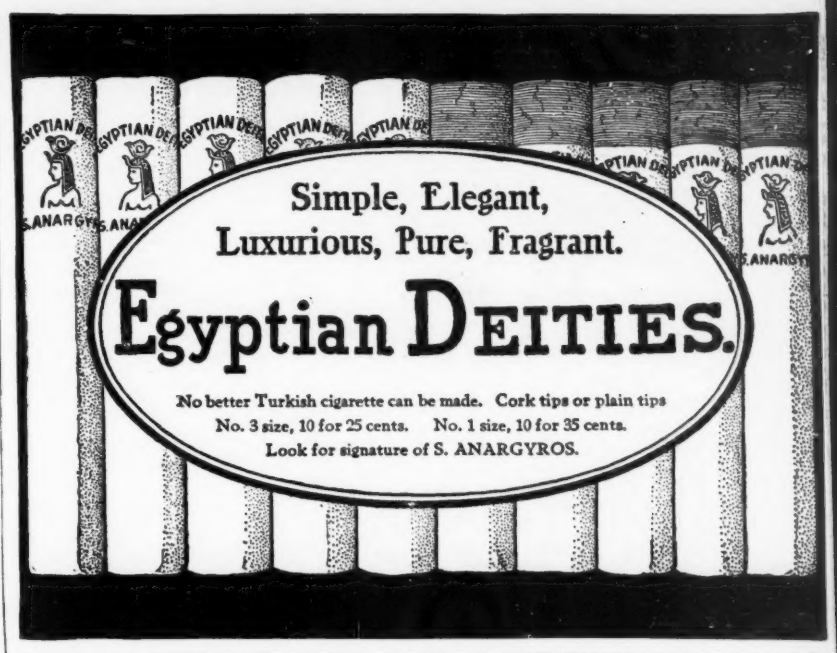

Jack—"So you asked old Gotrox for his daughter's hand in marriage, eh?"

Tom—"Sure, and it was a regular walkover for me."

Jack—"A walkover!"

Tom—"Yes. The old man walked all over me."—*Chicago News.*

They were out in the grove searching for walnuts.

"You may have heard it before," he whispered, "but once more I must say I love you."

"I'm looking for walnuts," she said, with a sweet smile; "not chestnuts."—*Chicago News.*

Friend—"You still employ Dr. Hardhead, I see."

Mrs. de Style—"He's just lovely! My husband and I both like him. When we are ailing he always recommends old port for my husband and Newport for me."—*New York Weekly.*

"Do you ever have any trouble in your culinary department?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle.

"No," replied her hostess; "I have an old-fashioned herb medicine that I take regular. Josiah turns up his nose at it, but it beats all the doctors."—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

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Cato was demanding that Carthage should be destroyed.

"Then why not send it to the laundry?" asked an irate senator.

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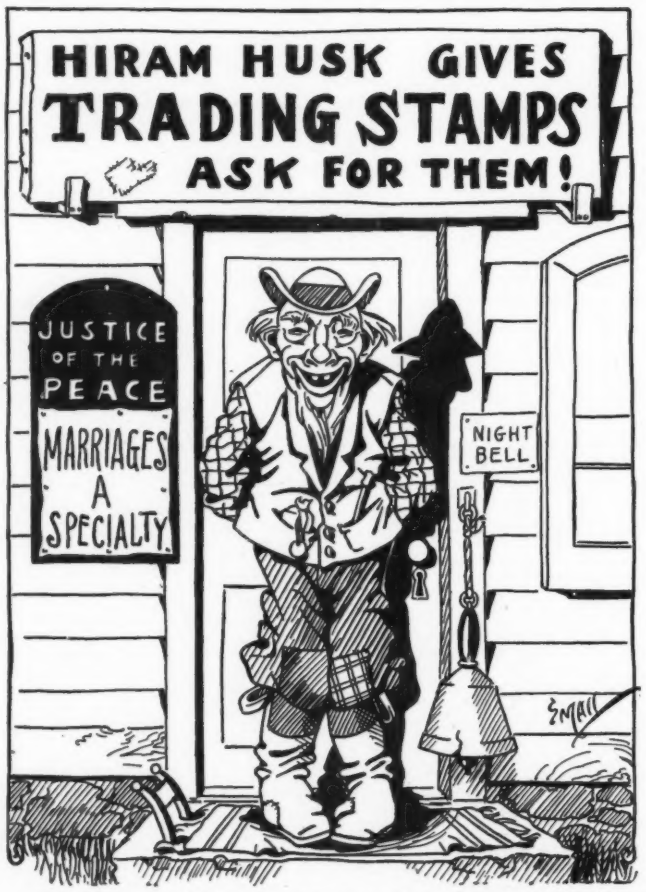

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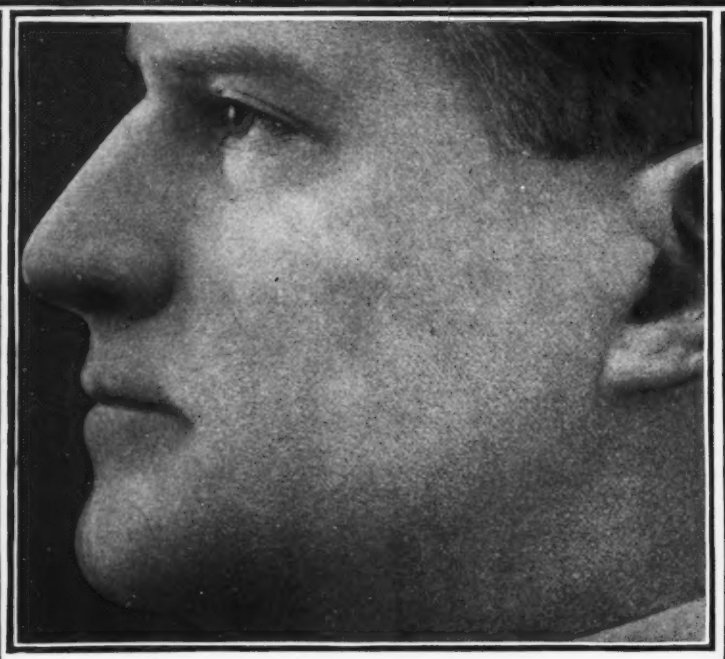

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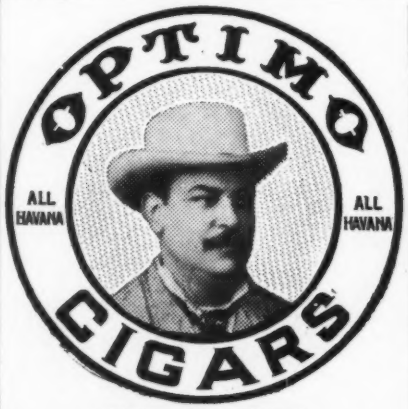

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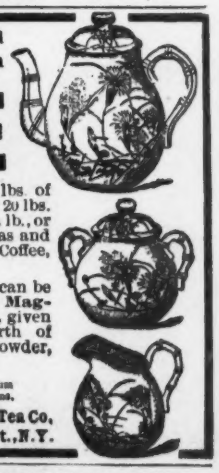

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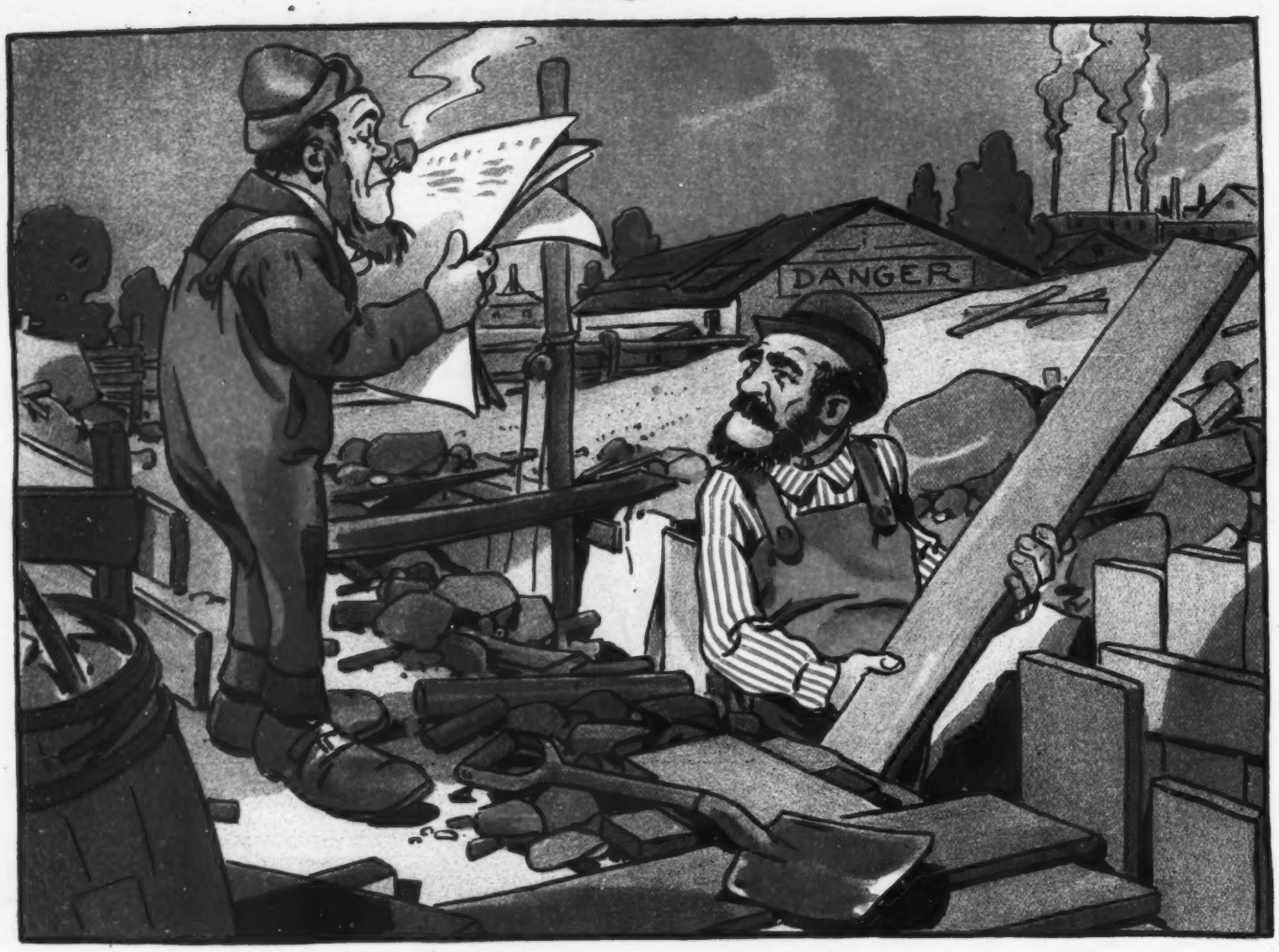

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